

***In the Specification:***

Please delete pages 64-116 containing the Sequence Listing as originally filed in priority application PCT/JP97/03239, and renumber the remaining pages of the claims and abstract accordingly.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice and add new claims 5-18 as follows:

5. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.
6. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.
7. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 19 to 175 of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.
8. (New) An isolated fragment of a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9, the fragment comprising more than 5 amino acids.
9. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18.
10. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:27.
11. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence that is more than 90% identical to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18 or 27, or the complement thereof.
12. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18 or 27, or the complement thereof.

13. (New) An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a naturally occurring polymorphic variant of a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9, or the complement thereof.

14. (New) An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide consisting the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9, wherein the polypeptide fragment comprises at least 5 amino acids, or the complement of said polynucleotide.

15. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claims 12, 13 or 14, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is operably linked to at least one expression control sequence.

16. (New) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 15.

17. (New) A cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 15.

18. (New) A process for producing a protein encoded by polynucleotide of claim 15, which comprises:

- (a) culturing a cell transformed with a vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 15 in a suitable culture medium; and
- (b) purifying said protein from the culture.